

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving Intergovernmental Agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation
Baboquivari Unified School District for the Tohono O'odham Culture and Language
Program and Appropriating Funds for Phase I)**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-242

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**
2 **the authority "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on**
3 **behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local**
4 **governments..." and "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace,**
5 **morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its**
6 **members" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(f) and Section 1(c)(2)); and**
7 **WHEREAS, despite the fact that over a period of several decades, the Tohono O'odham Nation**
8 **("Nation") and members and entities of the Nation have taken steps to support the**
9 **O'odham language, including documentation of O'odham speech and historical**
10 **records, establishment of the Himdag Ki:, development of an O'odham**
11 **dictionary, adoption of a standard orthography (Alvarez-Hale), design and**
12 **implementation of a certification process for O'odham language teaching,**
13 **creation of curriculum, and delivery of O'odham language courses in the K-12**
14 **system, those important efforts have not been sufficient to revitalize the O'odham**
15 **language; and**
16 **WHEREAS, the O'odham language is in decline as it is not being regularly transmitted inter-**
17 **generationally and is listed as an endangered language by the United Nations**
18 **Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization ("UNESCO"); and**
19 **WHEREAS, Baboquivari Unified School District ("BUSD") is a public school residing on the**
20 **Nation that serves 1200 students in grades preschool through grade 12; and**
21 **WHEREAS, the BUSD student population consists of 99.7% Tohono O'odham students; and**
22 **WHEREAS, BUSD has submitted for review and approval its Tohono O'odham Culture and**
23 **Language Program proposal to revitalize the Tohono O'odham language by**
24 **increasing the number of culture and language teachers; and**
25 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Program Proposal, which is**
26 **incorporated by this reference, will be conducted in two phases, which will**
27 **consist of a pilot year during the first phase of the project at a cost of \$261,787.50;**
28 **and**
29 **WHEREAS, during Phase One of the project, financial support will be provided from the**
30 **Tohono O'odham Nation for the purpose of hiring two certified Tohono O'odham**
31 **language teachers and a director; and**

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1 **WHEREAS, if the Nation agrees to proceed into Phase II of the project, BUSD will take on the**
2 **salaries of the two teachers and director and the Nation would provide financial**
3 **support for an additional six Tohono O'odham language teachers at a cost of**
4 **\$421,200.00; and**

5 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development, Cultural Preservation, and Budget and**
6 **Finance Committees have reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement Between**
7 **the Tohono O'odham Nation and Baboquivari Unified School District and**
8 **appropriation of funds and recommend approval.**

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves:**

- 10 1. **the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation and**
11 **Baboquivari Unified School District to establish a Tohono O'odham Culture**
12 **and Language Program dedicated to preserving the O'odham Language; and**
13 2. **the appropriation of \$261,787.50 from the Nation's general fund to the**
14 **Baboquivari Unified School District for Phase I of the Tohono O'odham**
15 **Culture and Language Program with the express goal of language**
16 **revitalization, provided that the Legislative Council may consider**
17 **appropriating funds for Phase II of the Program after review and evaluation**
18 **of Phase I with relevant BUSD staff and leadership.**

19 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Nation's**
20 **chairperson or official designee is authorized to execute the Intergovernmental**
21 **Agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Baboquivari Unified School**
22 **District to establish a Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Program dedicated**
23 **to preserving the O'odham Language, provided that any amendments to the**
24 **Intergovernmental Agreement be presented to the Legislative Council for prior**
25 **approval.**

26 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 14TH**
27 **day of JULY, 2021 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,218.0 FOR; -0-**
28 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
29 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(e) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**
30 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**
31 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**
32 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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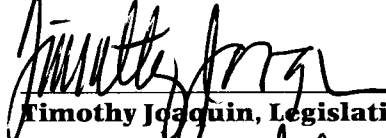
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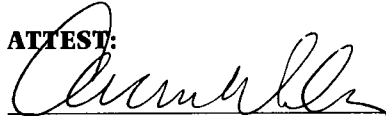
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Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

14 day of July, 2021

ATTEST:



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

15 day of July, 2021

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 14 day of July, 2021 at 4:13 o'clock, P.M., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

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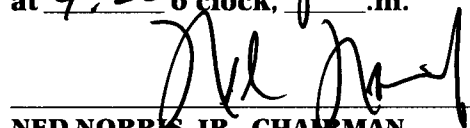
Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 14 day of July, 2021

DISAPPROVED

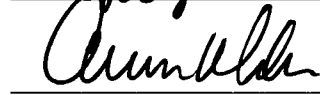
at 4:22 o'clock, P.M.



NED NORRIS, JR., CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 14 day of

July, 2021, at 4:43 o'clock, P.M.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION BABOQUIVARI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE TOHONO O'ODHAM CULTURE AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PHASE I

Moved: COUNCILWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN LUCINDA ALLEN

DATE: JULY 14, 2021

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 245.6	1. MARY LOPEZ (Ann M. Garcia)	122.8	X			
	2. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa)	122.8	X			
SELLS 556.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON ()	278.25	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston)	278.25	X			
SCHUK TOAK 190.5	1. TERESA F. DONAHUE (Alberta Espinoza)	95.25	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco)	95.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 242.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Racheal Vilson-Stoner)	121.3	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX (Adam P. Andrews)	121.3	X			
SAN LUCY 243.8	1. JANA MONTANA (Lorraine M. Eiler)	121.9	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	121.9	X			
PISINEMO 232.7	1. MARIETTA MARTIN ()	116.35	X			
	2. EDWARD D. MANUAL (Monica Morgan)	116.35	X			
HICKIWAN 216.6	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ ()	108.3	X			
	2. SANDRA D. ORTEGA (<i>Absent</i>) (Delma M. Garcia) (<i>Present</i>)	108.3	X			X
GU VO 270.7	1. GRACE MANUEL ()	135.35	X			
	2. CYNTHIA SAAVEDRA (Dallas Lewis)	135.35	X			
GU ACHI 278.5	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN ()	139.25	X			
	2. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin)	139.25	X			
CHUKUT KUK 351.6	1. MARLAKAY HENRY (Billman Lopez)	175.8	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	175.8	X			
BABOQUIVARI 388.9	1. ALBERTA J. RAY (Frances G. Antone)	194.45	X			
	2. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling)	194.45	X			
TOTAL		3,218.0	3,218.0	-0-	-0-	[01]